Archives Center Wild West Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Archives Center Wild West Collection
Identifier: NMAH.AC.1466
Date: 1884-1917, undated
1884-1917
Extent: 0.3 Cubic feet (2 boxes)
Language: English
Some materials in French and German.
Summary: The collection includes assorted printed materials and ephemera on "Wild West" shows.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
Collection donated by Anthony Sapienza in 2018.

Processing Information
Collection processed by Vanessa Broussard Simmons, archivist, 2018.

Preferred Citation
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Restrictions
Collection is open for research.

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Biographical / Historical

Wild West shows, a popular American form of entertainment, were performed for audiences across the United States from circa 1870-1920. The shows were intended to introduce the American West to a wider audience. Shows primarily featured cowboys and Native Americans and were partly based on history. In addition, Wild West shows presented actors with opportunities to display skills of showmanship.
Content Description

The collection includes assorted printed materials and ephemera on "Wild West" shows. It consists primarily of includes dime novels, programs, sheet music, advertisements, artwork, and publications.

Arrangement

Collection arranged into one series and in chronological order.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
- Cowboys -- United States
- Illustrated books, Children's
- Indians of North America
- Rodeos -- United States
- Western shows
- Wild west shows

Cultures:
- Indians of North America

Types of Materials:
- Comic books
- Design drawings
- Itineraries
- Programs
- Sheet music -- 20th century

Names:
- Buffalo Bill, 1846-1917
- Pawnee Bill, 1860-1942
## Container Listing

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